REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

By this amendment, claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-28 and 32 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 32 are independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification. The amendments to claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 are made at the request of the Examiner, per a November 3, 2004 telephone conversation. In that conversation, the Examiner stated that the current formulas found in claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 had formatting problems because the formulas did not look exactly like they did in an amendment filed on August 8, 2003. The Examiner further noted that an amendment was necessary to remove the formatting problems. Hence, this Supplemental Reply is submitted at the request of the Examiner, corrects the formatting so that the formulas of claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 conforms to that submitted in Applicant's amendment of August 8, 2003, and clarifies that no substantive changes were intended in any responses filed subsequently to August 8, 2003. Therefore, this amendment does not change the substance of these formulas in any way. Rather, it is made to remove extra spaces in the formulas that unintentionally arose in a Reply filed on July 30, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

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Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-28 and 32 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-28 and 32 are in condition for allowance and request that they be allowed as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office

Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have

been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending

claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this

response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the

number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Reply is respectfully requested.

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